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## **Business for the Arts announces Philip Taylor as recipient of Edmund C. Bovey Award**

*Prestigious National Award celebrates a business leader in Canada for a lifetime of investment as a volunteer and philanthropist in the arts.*

(TORONTO, ON – June 25, 2015) Business for the Arts, Canada’s national charitable association of business members who support the arts, is delighted to announce **Philip Taylor** as the 2015 recipient of the Edmund C. Bovey Award for philanthropy in the arts by a business leader. Mr. Taylor will receive the award at the 2015 Canadian Arts and Business Awards, presented by Business for the Arts, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Mr. Taylor has established himself as one of Canada’s visionary business leaders in his role as Senior Managing Director at Invesco Ltd., a global investment management firm. Mr. Taylor oversees US\$520 billion in assets under management for institutional and retail investors in the Americas and also has responsibility for his firm’s combined US\$320 billion in fixed income management and exchange-traded funds globally. As one of this country’s most committed philanthropists in the arts Mr. Taylor directs much of his volunteer time and personal wealth to providing significant support for many Canadian arts organizations. He has also brought Invesco to the arts as a partner in creativity in Canada. Mr. Taylor’s many volunteer roles in the arts include serving as a board member for The Royal Conservatory of Music, where he was named honorary fellow in recognition of his commitment to music and the arts. Mr. Taylor has also served as chair for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Philip and his wife, Eli, are well-known in Canada’s cultural community as strong supporters of the arts. They were both recently recognized for a significant gift of \$2,500,000 to fund the Phil and Eli Taylor Performance Academy for Young Artists at The Royal Conservatory of Music. They have also been exceptionally committed to the Art of Time Ensemble as generous donors and volunteers in support of their vision to make classical music accessible to a broad audience through dynamic, multi-disciplinary performances. The Taylor’s have recently turned their attention to commissioning new works of music.

Philip and Eli Taylor have supported a variety of arts organizations across Canada such as the National Gallery of Canada, Soulpepper Theatre Company, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Coleman Lemieux & Compagnie, and the National Arts Centre, and through Invesco-sponsored exhibitions with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Calgary’s Glenbow Museum, the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts, and the Canadian Museum of History (formerly the Canadian Museum of Civilization). Many organizations sent nomination letters in support of Mr. Taylor’s Edmund C. Bovey award this year. The cultural community looks forward to recognizing him at the 2015 Canadian Arts and Business Awards,



presented by Business for the Arts, on October 27th on Koerner Hall's stage at The Royal Conservatory of Music.

"My father instilled in me a great love of music and the arts from an early age," said Mr. Taylor. "So it's been personally rewarding for me and Eli to be able to apply the learnings and the rewards of my business life to support gifted young musicians as well as artists and performers who share our passion for music and the arts. I'm honoured to find myself in the company of individuals like Edmund Bovey, who understood that it's almost impossible to imagine life without the arts."

"Mr. Taylor is one of Canada's leading philanthropists. He has a genuine affinity for the arts and brings his business savvy and philanthropic generosity to supporting the arts with a good ear for talent and a strong desire to see the arts and creativity thrive in Canada." – Dr. James D. Fleck, Chairman, C.C., Business for the Arts

"Phil Taylor is as genuinely passionate and generous a supporter of the arts as Canada has known. His motivation to give is purely altruistic and is the result of a lifelong passion for the arts instilled in him by his father's love of classical music. Art of Time Ensemble - among many other arts organizations in Canada - is extraordinarily fortunate to count Phil and Eli Taylor as supporters, and we thank and congratulate Phil as he joins the esteemed ranks of Edmund C. Bovey Award winners." – Andrew Burashko, Artistic Director, Art of Time Ensemble

"Phil Taylor is an exceptional person. His great humanity and generosity are matched by an all-encompassing and passionate love of music which has led to the transformative support of hundreds of gifted young musicians. We are very proud to have the Phil and Eli Taylor Academy at The Royal Conservatory and every year through the achievements of the young artists we advance our mission to develop human potential through music and the arts." – Dr. Peter Simon, President, The Royal Conservatory of Music

**Canadian Arts and Business Awards** event was launched under the Chairmanship of Edmund C. Bovey in 1978 to celebrate business leadership in the arts. Each year, the Canadian Arts and Business Awards bring together Canada's foremost business and arts leaders to celebrate the extraordinary contributions made by individuals and companies who have shown outstanding commitment to the arts through philanthropy, volunteerism and innovative partnerships.

**The Edmund C. Bovey Award** is named after the founding Chairman of Business for the Arts, and honours a business professional who has demonstrated a lifetime of significant support and/or leadership in arts and culture in Canada. This year's winner receives a sculpture and will be able to direct \$20,000 of the Bovey Award fund to an arts organization(s) of his choice. For more information on the 2015 awards, visit [www.bftaawards.com](http://www.bftaawards.com) and [www.businessforthearts.org/awards/](http://www.businessforthearts.org/awards/) and [www.businessforthearts.org/awards/edmund-c-bovey-award/about-edmund-c-bovey/](http://www.businessforthearts.org/awards/edmund-c-bovey-award/about-edmund-c-bovey/)

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